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### **General Manager David Baile Accepts New Post in USA**

Toronto, ON... Alberta G. Cefis, Chair of Opera Atelier, announced today that David Baile has resigned as General Manager, effective October 5, 2007. Mr. Baile has been appointed CEO of the International Society of Performing Arts (ISPA) in New York.

“David has been instrumental in building Opera Atelier and taking it to the next level. Under his leadership the company made two successful tours to Korea, initiated a subscription series, and expanded its audience, education programs, and revenue from both earned and contributed sources. David is leaving the company in a very strong position, and I commend him for his dedication and hard work throughout his tenure,” said Ms. Cefis. “On a personal note, I thank David for the collaborative relationship that we have enjoyed over the past six and a half years. We will miss him.”

“David Baile has played a vital and integral role in helping Opera Atelier realize its dreams and in laying a solid foundation for the company’s continued growth. We wish him well and look forward to continuing to collaborate with him in his new role at ISPA,” said Marshall Pynkoski, the company’s co-artistic director. “We are particularly pleased David was able to take part in the celebrations for Opera Atelier’s 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year and we will always remember his contribution to the company with great pleasure and appreciation.”

The Board of Directors will begin a search for Mr. Baile’s successor immediately.

Opera Atelier’s 2007-2008 season begins October 27<sup>th</sup> with Monteverdi’s *The Return of Ulysses* at the Elgin Theatre. For more information, visit [www.operaatelier.com](http://www.operaatelier.com).